

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Tamara A. Kale on May 18, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 26, after the claim number, "26" insert a period.

In claim 33, line 2, replace "molecule is" with —molecules are--.

In claim 36, line 2, replace "molecule is" with —molecules are--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-37 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record is Ito et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication 2009/0312490. The instant claims are patentable over Ito et al. because Ito et al. neither teach nor fairly suggest that the at least two molecules of polyrotaxane are crosslinked with each other through physical bonding, and that a part or all of hydroxyl groups (-OH) of cyclodextrin molecules are substituted with a non-ionic group(s).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SONYA WRIGHT whose telephone number is (571)272-5857. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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